

Fabrication Process for the PEP-II RF Cavities*

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This paper presents the sixteen major steps used in the fabrication of the 26 RF Cavities required for the PEP-II B-factory. Several unique applications of conventional processes have been developed and successfully implemented: electron beam welding, with minimal porosity, of thick (2 cm) copper cross-sections; extensive 5-axis milling of water channels; electroplating of 1 cm thick OFE copper; tuning of the cavity by profiling beam noses prior to final joining with the cavity body; and machining of the cavity interior are described. Technical details and visual aids are used to define and clarify the entire production process.

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